

SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE

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You are listening to Amateur Radio Station ZS6SRL of the South African Radio League, the National society for Amateur Radio in South Africa, with a news bulletin that is broadcast every Sunday at 08:15 Central Africa Time (CAT) in Afrikaans and at 08:30 CAT in English.

This bulletin is also available on the website of the SARL at www.sarl.org.za and on packet bulletin boards.

SILENT KEY

We have been informed of the passing away of Brian Franz, ZS6NX on Sunday 25th of May. Brian was for many years a member of the SARL To his wife Lil, their daughter, other relatives and friends we offer our sincere condolences.

PAUSE

In the news today:

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FLEA MARKET EARLY AUGUST IN PRETORIA

Stay tuned for more details on these and other news items.

Visit the SARL Web site or call the SARL office which is open on weekdays from 09:00 to 13:00 at 011 675 2393 for details on how to join, book sales and all related amateur radio activities.

SARL NEWS invites clubs and individuals to submit news items of interest to amateurs on the web site of the SARL which is www.sarl.org.za/newsinbox.asp not later than the Thursday preceding the bulletin date. It would be appreciated if you could do it in both Afrikaans and English.

You are tuned to ZS6SRL.

The news follows in detail:

NOTICE OF SARL SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that in terms of Rule 12.3 of the Constitution and Rules of the SARL, a Special General Meeting of the SARL will be held at the National Amateur Radio Centre, SENTECH Grounds, Johannesburg, on Saturday 21 June 2003 commencing at 09:00. Registration and submission of proxies will commence at 08:00.

The meeting is convened as a directive from the members present at the Annual General Meeting held in Bloemfontein on 29 March 2003, where the Council Budget Proposals were rejected by the majority of those members and proxies.

The purpose of the meeting is for the continuation of AGM Business to consider the Budget Proposal for 2004 and the Subscription Proposal for 2004. (Items 8.5, 8.6, and 8.7 under the said AGM Agenda).

IMPORTANT NOTICE - SECOND SGM CONVENED FOR 21st JUNE

A special general meeting has been called by 30 members from Cape Town in terms of Section 8.2, 12.1 and 16.14.iv of the rules of the SARL. In terms of the SARL rules the meeting should take place six weeks after receipt of such a request, which is 24 June 2003. As the SGM called at the AGM has been convened for the 21st June 2003, and for the sake of expediency, the second SGM has been convened for 11:00 on the same day but in any case it will take place after the conclusion of the first SGM as well as a Council meeting at which a new President, Vice-President and Secretary will be elected immediately after the first SGM.

Please note that full SGM notices for both SGM's called for the 21st June 2003 are available for download on the SARL website at www.sarl.org.za.

NOMINATIONS TO COUNCIL

There are currently three vacancies on Council due to the resignation of the President and two other vacant seats. In terms of Rule 16.2 nominations for candidates are invited from members of the SARL to fill these vacancies. Should more than 3 nominations be received a ballot will be held.

Qualifications of nominees, proposers and seconders and the procedure to be followed have been fully set out in previous bulletins.

The nominations must reach the Secretary by no later than close of business at 13:00 on 18 June 2003. The nominations must be addressed to The Secretary, SARL and mailed to P O Box 1721, Strubensvallei, 1735 as well as faxed to 011 675 2793.

PROVISIONAL RESULTS OF THE FIRST LEG OF THE SARL VHF/UHF CONTEST

The contest committee only received 10 logs for the March 2003 leg of the SARL VHF/UHF Contest. If no comments are received within 14 days these provisional results will become final.

Fixed Station - Multi-Mode:

1st ZS6HS 217 pts.

Fixed Station - FM:

1st ZS6XT 357 pts; 2nd ZR6RDU 228; 3rd ZS5GMW 42.

Field Station - Multi Mode

1st ZS6STN 6069 pts; 2nd ZS6MRK 5835; 3rd ZS6EGB 1629; 4th ZS6WR 948;
5th ZS6SRC 685,5; 6th ZS4BFN 601,5.

SOUTH AFRICAN PARTICIPATION IN WPX CONTESTS

Vladimir Karamitrov, ZS6MG, participated in WPX CW contest from Mozambique using special the callsign C8A. A total 1 426 QSO's were made and scored 2,8 million points in single operator all band entry.

ZS0M operated by ZS6EGB, ZS6JR and ZS6MG during WPX SSB contest made 2 900 QSO's in the multi-operator, multi band entry and scored a total of 3,9 million points.

QSL's for both stations are to be sent to ZS6MG.

RECOGNISE YOUR STARS

The Siemens Radio Amateur of the Year Awards are an opportunity to recognise the stars in your club. The awards are presented annually by the South African Amateur Radio Development Trust to recognise innovation in Amateur Radio and the promotion of the service. There are two awards, one for Radio Amateurs under 25 years of age aimed at recognising young people who promote amateur radio amongst their peer group and an award for Radio Amateurs over 25 years recognising innovation in amateur radio technology development and promotion.

Full details are available on the SARL Web at www.sarl.org.za. Nomination forms can also be obtained by sending a mail to saardt@intekom.co.za or a fax to 012 991 5651. Nominations close on 4 July 2003. The awards will be presented at a breakfast function in Johannesburg on August 12. The winners will be flown to Johannesburg to attend the presentation function.

LEARN MORE ABOUT SATELLITES

You can learn more about satellites by participating in the next SARL Intecnet 2003 on the air on Sunday 22 June at 20:00. Dave Long of SA AMSAT will talk about the easy sats and how to get started with the minimum of equipment outlay. The discussion will be interactive allowing for discussion and Q&A. Clubs can request to have their repeaters linked by sending a mail to armi@sarl.org.za. Please provide the telephone number to be used for linking to the Telkom Teleconference Network and details of the coverage area of the repeater. Requests must be received by Friday 20 June.

INVITATION TO JOIN A WORLD-WIDE RADIO AMATEUR PROJECT

AMSAT-Italia extends an invitation to radio amateurs to join their on-going worldwide radio-amateur project on the Ionosphere, and particularly on its predictability for our radio communications.

The project, called "Ionosfera" is supported by the European Space Agency (ESA) within its framework on the Space Weather: a "new" science with re-

spective applications focusing on the many interactions between the Sun and Mother Earth.

AMSAT-Italia recently answered the ESA Call for Proposal to develop a series of (free-of-charge) internet-based services for the radio amateurs dealing with the radio propagation via the Ionosphere. We invite you to access the European Space Agency (ESA) website on Space Weather at www.estec.esa.nl/wmwww/wma/spweather/ and to read the one-page synopsis on "Ionosfera" at www.estec.esa.nl/wmwww/wma/spweather/esa_initiatives/pilotproject/synopses.html.

AMSAT-Italia invite radio amateurs to contact them with any comments, suggestions, contributions and/or clarification on the project. They would also like to hear from you if you have already designed a similar/complementary project on Ionospheric radio propagation and/or another radio amateur project linked to Space Weather. They would be interested in creating or joining a worldwide network of motivated radio-amateurs willing to exchange and implement their findings in a common project. The co-ordinator of the project is Florio, IW2NMB, and he can be contacted at iw2nmb@amsat.org.

YOUTH DAY EDUCATIONAL STATIONS.

Two educational stations will be operating in the West Rand area on Monday, June the 16th.

We have been informed by John, ZS6AN that he and Johan Leslie ZR6JJL will be running a station in a previously disadvantaged area of Soweto. At the NARC in Radiokop a station will also be running and an invitation has been extended to a number of schools in the area to come and visit it.

The station will be running as ZS6OF and it will be manned by Francois, ZS6BUU, Graham, ZS6GPM and Malcolm ZS6MAL.

They look forward to many contacts on Monday.

END WINTER FLEA MARKET IN PRETORIA

Flea markets are always pleasant sociable events and at the request of many a flea market will for a change be held on the 2nd August at the site of the club house of the Magalies Radio Amateur Club situated in a park at the corner of Breyer and Mill Streets, Waverley, Pretoria.

Tables can be rented at R15,00 each or out of boot sales may be made for a commission of R5,00. Please call Magda ZS6MVW at 012 386 4901 or Almero ZR6RY at 082 908 3359 to book a table.

Food and drinks will be available in the club house, there is a playground for children and plenty on-site parking. All Clubs and individuals are welcome to participate and we look forward to see you there.

DATES TO REMEMBER

PEARS Microwave and Digital contest on ends at 18:00 tonight; SARL Kid's Day 16th June 09:00 - 11:00; Nominations for Councillors close on the 18th June at 13:00; SARL SPECIAL GENERAL BUDGET MEETING at the NARC on 21 June as well as a second SGM after the Council Meeting; Open day at West Rand for home constructors, Saturday June 28th.

This then brings us to the end of today's bulletin which was compiled by George, ZS6NE and read byfrom..... as a service to radio amateurs, short wave listeners and electronic enthusiasts.

The SARL invites you to listen to Amateur Radio Mirror International on 17 815, 9 750, and 7 082 kHz and 145,625 MHz in East London, 145,650 in Durban 145,750 MHz in Pretoria and 438,800 in the Sandton area. A repeat broadcast can be heard on Mondays at 21:00 CAT on 3 215 kHz.

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You have been listening to ZS6SRL, thank you for joining us. Also many thanks to those persons who supply news for our bulletins and the amateurs who relay the bulletins so regularly.

Goodbye everyone. /EX